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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 8-12 have been allowed. Claim 6 has been rejected under U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,416,676 issued to Carpenter, but has been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application is now allowable both substantively and in form. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if prosecution of the application may be expedited thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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